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One Response to "Korean youth fight for construction of comfort woman statue"

1. [T. Pastfield](#) on January 11th, 2015 7:32 pm

As an American who has studied history, the placement of comfort women monuments greatly disturbs me. There are many reasons why, but the biggest reason is the following:

It is unfair to selectively target the historical misdeeds of only one country when many nations have committed atrocities and crimes during wartime. For example, during the Vietnam War, South KOREAN forces MASSACRED innocent civilians, committed rapes, exploited prostitutes, and abandoned countless mixed children. Thousands of Vietnamese were harmed. The S. Korean government has attempted to hide their war crimes from their own people and the rest of the world. Thus, most young Koreans are unaware of the atrocities committed by their own people.

To support monuments that focus on a single nation, while hiding the misdeeds of one's own ancestors, is deceitful, hypocritical, immoral, unfair, and un-American. It is wrong to point the finger at another people, while concealing the horrific violations committed by S. Korean forces against Vietnamese civilians. This is clearly a violation of "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

Ethical and moral Korean Americans and Americans should be fair and either (a) push to also establish memorials for the forgotten Vietnamese Victims of S. Korean Forces, or (b) not allow any monuments at all. May God have mercy on us all.

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2. [Robert M. Wada, Sgt. USMC Korea '51-'52](#) on *Your comment is awaiting moderation.* June 17th, 2015 11:16 am

The absolutely most ridiculous, immature and asinine statement I have ever heard in my lifetime is "Japanese American citizens were against the construction (of the monument) because they don't want to admit their faults in starting human trafficking during wartime when they brought young Asian women to Japan as sex slaves. What a stupid statement that makes no sense whatsoever. These students need to go back to Korea, learn more about the United States and then return or preferably just move to North Korea and don't come back."

I am a 84 year old Japanese American and i can assure you I did not take Asian women to Japan for comfort women. I would have probably kept them for myself.

I am a Japanese American U.S. Marine who fought in the Korean War from 1951 to 1952 for uneducated idiots like these two students and any of their supporters. For their information, there were 258 JAPANESE AMERICANS who gave their lives in the Korean War so Koreans with this type of mentality could migrate to this country and enjoy their freedom of speech.

They are each enjoying that freedom at the expense of my since kindergarten days Mexican American friend who was killed in the war and my friend from Texas who was decapitated in the war. This is the thanks we get from students who don't realize Americans of all colors saved their country from being part of North Korea. They should go back to their history books and read more about the Korean War and not be commenting about a prior war with facts they absolutely know nothing about that occurred well over 70 years ago.

The comfort woman issue is an international problem between Japan and the Republic of Korea and has nothing to do with Japanese Americans nor should comfort women monuments ever be built in the United States.

Japanese Americans did not fight and die in the Korean War for the freedom of South Korea

so Koreans could migrate, as they have done by the millions, to the United States and bring shame to the Japanese American communities with a totally unrelated issue of the comfort woman statues. An issue that has absolutely nothing to do with Japanese Americans.

With such statements by these students, I deeply regret I asked my Mexican American friend to join the Marines with me and he died for this type of mentality expressed by Koreans in the United States. I personally regret wasting a year of the best years of my life, risking my life and getting shot at and then have to finish my life with this type of letter. God help us, God Bless America.

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